

## A MURDEROUS ASSAULT

### A COLORED LETTER CARRIER.

Knocked Down by A White Officer—Southern Justice with A Vengeance.

From the Houston Texas Independent.

Houston is fast becoming a hot bed of race prejudice, and the law officers are largely, if not wholly, responsible for it. There was a time in the history of this city when justice and the rights of man irrespective of race, color or previous condition, were more fairly administered and respected than now, but that time, unhappily belongs to the past. It is a pleasant memory, however, to know that the black man was once more generally received on a common level in this race hating community and that in the administration of justice he was dealt with on the square in common with his white fellow man. Whether the present state of affairs is the inexorable logic of events or not, it is a fact that those clothed with official authority are doing their utmost to forever stint and dwarf the manhood and womanhood of Negro citizens of Houston.

When white men make murderous assaults on Negroes on the public streets, and the Negroes in self defense and with bare fists, knock down their assailants, the police bullies who are very handy with their clubs run up and assist their friends in doing the Negroes up. For instance, James Kyle Jr. the colored letter carrier, was murdered late Wednesday evening on Preston ave. by a white man named Fulton Williams, who collects for the Cawthon Tailoring company. Williams was the aggressor and he was by far the largest man. He came upon Kyle and struck him several times on the head with a piece of iron. In self defense, Kyle knocked Williams down with his fist and was in the act of taking the iron away from Williams, when suddenly and without warning, the police sergeant came up and knocked Kyle unconscious with his club.

Without inquiring into the nature of the trouble the officer whose sworn duty it is to uphold the law, stifled justice and fairplay by beating the Negro with his club while allowing the Negro's white assailant to go unharmed and untouched. The Independent has always and now stands on the side of the law and order, and it advises its Negro readers and supporters to do the same. It tells them nevertheless that there are times when they must act on their own judgement and not entrust themselves to care and solicitude of executive officers. When they see and know the bias of the law officers, it is always expedient under the circumstance to act first and think afterwards. In this age of the world and at this juncture in the race's history in the city of Houston, it won't do to always rely on the courts and the law when a white man a Negro have a controversy.

PROF. SOLOMON G. BROWN.

The Best Informed Negro in the United States.

A veteran newspaper correspondent and lecturer, one who belongs to the generation of men in the public eye during the civil war and reconstruction period, is Solomon G. Brown who for nearly fifty years has been an employee of the Smithsonian Institution.

There are volumines in the foregoing paragraph. In the ante-bellum days colored men in the civil service were almost exclusively engaged in work of the most menial character, such as sweeping of floors, the care of toilet rooms and the washing of spittoons. Mr. Brown's work in the Smithsonian was of a decidedly more responsible and meritorious character. This institution is charged by law with the distribution and exchange of our governmental publications with those of foreign nations. Mr. Brown at an early date was entrusted with a part of this work and other duties of a clerical character.

I have recently seen an account of an accident that transpired in 1853 in which the services of Mr. Brown were at a meeting of the Board of Regents acknowledged in a conversation between the late Prof. Henry and the famous editor W. W. Seaton.

The nature of the scientific work of the Smithsonian afforded Mr. Brown, and through him his race, rare facilities for acquiring knowledge of sciences. It was because of this aid and his scientific knowledge that he acquired the sobriquet "Professor," which he has retained in these days of broader, more systematic and more symmetrical scholarship.

The decade prior to the civil war was one of great anxiety and activity for the colored American because of his rights as a citizen, just as these first years of the new century are ominous ones in the matter of the Constitutional enjoyment of the right of elective franchise.

Conventions that brought the greatest intellects of the race together characterized our strivings in the North, but Washington was a storm center south of the Mason and Dixon line. Mr. Brown was observant and energetic during all this period. Noble-like he might have been, when the law forbade any other method but with the breaking out of the civil war, like other colored men, such as Wm. Slade, McCoy, Nutter, Edward M. Thomas, John A. Gray, James Wormley, Alfred Jones, he was 'busy as a bee.' There seemed no drones, all were workers.

As an evidence of his activity, inter-

terest and forethought, it is doubtful whether there is extant more complete data of the strivings of the colored people for their betterment than Mr. Brown possesses in his scrap book and pamphlet collection.

The writer who recently had an opportunity to go over this in a most casual way, was surprised at its completeness and comprehensiveness.

There must be quite a number of collections of greater or less permanent value reflecting the individuality, the industry and the interest of the collector. To be of the greatest service these should ultimately find a resting place in some institution of learning where they could be studied in their proper historical relationships.

Howard University which received the anti-slavery library of Lewis Tappan, the great anti-slavery leader, seems the most appropriate repository for all such collections. The Board of Trustees acting on the suggestion of the American Negro Academy has decided to collect all literature bearing upon the contact of the African and his descendants with the races of Europe. Prof. Kelly Miller has been assigned to that important work.

With Prof. Brown's data on the activities and strivings of the colored people of this District deposited there, his fame will be associated for all time with the growth and progress of the Negro at the National Capital.

JOHN W. CROMWELL.

### BEHIND THE SCENE.

Triennial Conclave, K. T., will meet at Louisville, Ky., August 27-31.

Mexico's jurisdiction extends to more than thirty islands.

There are 100,000,000 people in China, engaged in the Tea industry.

The President's coachman and footman have new liveries of a dark green line.

Annual Meeting Imperial Council of Mystic Shrine, at Kansas City, Mo., July 11-12.

For light upon dark subjects read the BEE for a change. We deal in live matters.

On the 25th of June the Grand Chapter, R. A. M. of Cal. convened in its 8th Annual Convocation.

The difference between the Editor and his wife is that she sets things to right, and he writes things to set.

Los Angeles is making great preparations for visitors in August for the Odd-Fellows' Meet or Conclave.

The Masons of California observed St. John's Day by a Promenade Concert at Union Square Hall, San Francisco.

Emperor William of Germany has taken a liking to American cooking. His Imperial Chef has been ordered to take points in that direction.

Senator Allison of Iowa says that he is too old to be a Presidential Candidate in 1904, and names Gov. Shaw as a suitable nominee.

Miss Virginia Lewis, a descendant of General George Washington, has consented to sell the sword of General Washington. The price desired is \$100,000.

An enormous map of the World has been placed in what is known as the War Room of the White House. It was prepared by the Coast Survey.

Gen. Miles advocates good roads on account of the use in the time of war. Their use in time of peace is to most people sufficient argument to have them.

The M. W. G. Lodge of Cal. held its 47th Annual Communication at San Francisco. M. W. G. M. Bro. E. A. Clark has had a successful year. There was a large attendance of the Craft present.

The Fraternity of F. A. A. Masons of D. C., Prof. R. H. Terrell, G. M., will give their Annual Excursion July 16th, 1901. Bro. W. H. Myers, Chairman. Executive Committee—John W. Mays, Chairman; John C. Nalle Sec'y.

Bro. E. E. Fluker, D. G. M. of the G. U. O. of O. F. for Arkansas, and also a Grand Director of the S. C. M., was wilfully assassinated at his home, Pine Bluff last month by two white men. The Order will look into the matter.

Bro. H. H. Gilbert, 33 Degree, of Philadelphia, is the Oldest Colored Mason living in the United States. He is Past Sheikh of Pyramid Oasis, Philadelphia, and also the oldest Inspector General of A. A. S. R. He has been a member of St. George Commandery for over 50 years.

Prof. R. S. Foster, R. G. Patron, Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Mo. Jurisdiction is making his annual visitations. The Grand Chapter will convene at Hannibal July 17. There are five Chapters in the State.

Mr. J. D. Rockefeller, has employed negro steam-fitters to do work on the Chicago University, on which he and organized or union workmen could not agree. These workmen and their friends claim that Mr. Rockefeller has a desire to create a race war, (poor black man) simply because he seen fit to give the negro on the job.

The K. of P. of Mo., are carrying on the good works. The Grand Lodge of K. of P. N. Y. State convened at Yonkers, June 24. Session lasted three days. Considerable business was done by the large number of the delegation of brethren present from the different sections.

Dean J. C. Russel of the Teachers' College of the Columbia University recently announced a gift of a

thousand dollars from John D. Rockefeller to establish three Scholarships in the College each of the value of \$500,000, and a 4th from John Crosby Brown one of the Columbia University Trustees. Mr. Rockefeller's gift is on conditions, viz: The winner of one must be a graduate of Tuskegee, nominated by Mr. Booker T. Washington; the 2nd must be a graduate of Spellman Seminary of Atlanta, Ga., appointed by the Principle and the 3rd must be a graduate of Hampton, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent.

The admission of women in the three degrees of symbolic masonry in Mexico is a well attested fact. Women clothed in regalia enters and are seated in Mexican Masonic Lodges. These women are invested with the signs and passwords of the Order from the first to the 14th degree of the A. A. S. R. In Mexico masonry is divided into several factions, viz: the Grand Lodge of the Federal District; The Grand Dietia; The Supreme Council 33 degree; The Mexican National Rite; The Reformed Schottish Rite and The Grand Symbolic Schottish Dietia. The

lected. The sooner the board of education of Washington turn out such incompetent persons as Robert H. Terrell, and substitute in their places men who are qualified to fill so important a position, the better off the colored will be, for the appointment and retention of Terrell as a teacher and instructor in the public schools of Washington is a great injury to the people and is placing those who graduate from it under much humiliation and many disadvantages.

### PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY POLITICS.

#### Big Fight for Local Control.

There seems to be a lively time in Prince George County, Md. Mr. F. S. Carmody is the central figure just about this time. He is very strong among the people. Mr. Carmody, after the passage of the bill to disfranchise the negroes in Maryland, was one of the few white republicans who spent his own money and used his own time to educate the colored voters in the county. He organized schools and paid out of his pocket money for

boat on which he thinks a student (girl) is to be found.

The Bay Shore Hotel on the beach is the popular resort for the teachers. Our Washington girls form the most attractive bunch of the whole crowd.

The Howard girls, Anna and Bertie, daughters of the popular South Washington Pastor, Rev. Wm. J. Howard, are winning many friends.

### The Dot in Telegraphy.

The manner in which telegrams are sent over the wires, without punctuation or separation into words, easily explains the following error: A telegram sent from Rutland, Vt., to a "Mr. Hardman, Chester," was received by "Mr. Hard, Manchester."

### Club of Long-Legged Chaps.

A Tall Men's club has been organized by the long-legged students in the University of Pennsylvania. Among the members are 12 who are each more than six feet two inches in height. Some of the "shorties," who are an inch less than the height just mentioned, are admitted only as associate members. The officers are named the Moon-Hitter, the Ceiling-Duster and the Sky-scraper.

### ARTISTIC PUBLICATIONS ISSUED BY THE BALTIMORE AND OHIO RAILROAD

#### Guide to Washington.

The Passenger Department of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. have issued a Guide to Washington, which in many respects excels all other guides published, both in artistic appearance and careful description of points of interest in the Capital City. The front cover of the book is embellished with a handsome steel engraved portrait of the "Stuart" Washington. The reverse cover bears an American flag in the grasp of an eagle. The inside pages contain recent photographs of all of the Government Buildings with correct information concerning them together with other interesting features of the city, and the very latest map. Copies will be sold at the principal Ticket Offices of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. for ten (10) cents cash, or will be mailed to any address on receipt of (15) cents in stamps on application to the undersigned.

#### "REASONS WHY."

"Reasons Why" is a forty-two page pamphlet giving in condensed form the important facts concerning the Baltimore & Ohio R. R. It is an argument setting forth the claims of the railroad for public consideration. This artistic booklet contains many half-tones and drawings illustrating the history, scenic charms, the development and progress of the railroad, and the superior service afforded to patrons. Single copies can be obtained of Ticket Agents, or will be mailed to any address on receipt of two (2) cents in postage stamps on application to the undersigned.

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### SPECIAL EXCURSIONS TO PAN-AMERICAN EXPOSITION

#### DURING JULY, VIA BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

Excursion tickets will be sold to Buffalo, via Royal Blue Line, Philadelphia & Reading Ry., and Lehigh Valley Route at the Low Rate of \$10.00 for the Round Trip from Washington, Baltimore, Washington and intermediate stations on July 2, 11, 17, 25, and 30 for train leaving Washington 7:05 a. m., Baltimore 7:55 a. m., Newark, Del., 6:30 a. m., Wilmington 9:39 a. m., arriving in Buffalo 9:20 p. m.

Tickets will also be sold at correspondingly low rates from Frederick, Hagerstown, Martinsburg, Strasburg Junction, and intermediate points, for any train on day previous to above dates in order that passengers may be enabled to make connections with train named.

All tickets limited for return to seven (7) days, including date of sale, on all trains except "Black Diamond Express" and "Royal Limited." Call on Agents Baltimore & Ohio R. R. for tickets, Pullman car space, and full information.

### SUMMER TOURS VIA BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD.

Tickets now on sale to all principal summer resorts east of the Ohio River. Special excursion tickets to Buffalo account Pan American Exposition, and to Niagara Falls now on sale. For further information apply to offices Nos. 707 15th Street, 619 Pa. Ave., and Depot, N. J. Ave. & C street, regarding time of trains, routes and rates. M. 4-4t.

### B. & O. WEEK END COUNTRY TRIPS.

Tickets sold Saturdays and Sundays for return until following Monday, at reduced rates, from Washington to Charlestown, Frederick, Annapolis Junction and intermediate points.—M. 4A. 3t.

### 4th OF JULY EXCURSION RATES ON B. & O. R. R.

Tickets sold July 3 and 4, valid for return until 5th, between all stations East of Ohio River points and West of Baltimore, within a radius of 200 miles from selling station; also from Washington to Elkton, Va., and in intermediate points on N. & W. R. R.



HON. JOHN F. LACY, OF OHIO.

Brethren in Mexico practice universal masonry, and embrace all Rites including the Memphis Rite. At some future time we will furnish further details. Masonry has had several splits since it came into existence.

Electa Chapter, O. E. S. was instituted Tuesday week. The Chapter starts off with a membership of 50. Patron, Dr. Warfield. This Chapter is under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the D. C. Sir. Henry Coleman is the Grand Patron; J. O. Bamfield, Grand Secretary; T. A. Jackson, P. G. P., Grand Lecturer. Among the prominent committees is the Committee on Juvenile Home, Hon. Lady Annie V. Thomas, Chairman; Hon. Ladies Helen Jackson, Ellen Wayne, M. Paine, G. H. Thomas, Julia A. Harris and Julia M. Taylor, members.

### A Spider's Instinct.

A correspondent sends us a remarkable instance of adaptation of instinct in a trap door spider. Says the writer: "A friend of mine noticed near his camp a trap door spider run in front of him and pop into its hole, pulling the lid down as it disappeared. The lid seemed so neat and perfect a circle that the man stooped to examine it, and found, to his astonishment, that it was a sixpence! There was nothing but silk thread covering the top of the coin, but underneath mud and silk thread were coated on and shaped convex (as usual). The coin had probably been swept out of the text with rubbish." Commenting on this a contributor to Nature says: "As is well known, the doors of trap door spiders' burrows are typically made of flattened pellets of earth stuck together with silk or other adhesive material. The unique behavior of the spider in question showed no little discrimination on her part touching the suitability as to size, shape and weight of the object selected to fulfill the purpose for which the sixpence was used."—Sydney (Aus.) Bulletin.

### SOME OF WASHINGTON'S SCHOOLS IN BAD SHAPE.

From the Citizens Press Chicago.

It is now reported that a young colored man, who lately came to Chicago, after graduating and receiving as what he thought high honors in the high school at Washington, D. C., where one Robert H. Terrell is at the head and is styled principal of this so-called famous school. The young man made application to the board of education of Chicago for a position as teacher in one of the public schools, but he failed to pass the examination as even a teacher in the lower grades. So humiliated and dissatisfied was this young man that he is now attending school in Chicago for the purpose of securing sufficient education to qualify him to go out in the world and compete with other nationalities of people. This demonstrates the fact that colored people who attend the schools of Washington, D. C., of which Robert H. Terrell is principal, receive very poor instruction, and their education is sadly neglected.

teachers. Mr. Carmody was the first man to draw the form of the hat now being used in the state. There was but a slight change made in its form. He draws crowds whenever he speaks. The BEE in its next issue will have a cut of Mr. Carmody and a synopsis of the work he has accomplished in Maryland.

A peculiar custom exists among the women of the Soolina and Mondigo tribes of Western Africa. Only with veiled faces will they eat or drink in the presence of a man.

### Patents Are Uncertain.

It is said by an examiner in the patent office that about one invention in 25 repays the cost of taking out a patent.

### The Text She Liked.

Small Madeline is something of a humorist. The other day she came home from church in a highly pleased frame of mind.

"Oh, mamma!" she said, "you just ought to have been at church to-day. The preacher had such a good text; just the kind I liked."

"What was it, Madeline?" asked mamma.

Seriously answered small Madeline: "It was, 'The Lord loveth a cheerful giggle.'"

—Baltimore Methodist.

### Spanked Her Topsy Husband.

A long-suffering wife in Markleville, Ind., has a husband who spends most of his time in the three liquor saloons of the town. Not long ago she armed herself with a piece of board, and collared her festive lord in the back room of one of the saloons, among his gay companions. She threw him across her knee and vigorously spanked him with the board, to the great glee of his comrades. Then, clutching him by the ear, she led the trembling toper home.

### HAMPTON NOTES.

Miss Ninevah George is here. Capt. Allen Washington weighs 268 pounds.

Miss Emma McGinnis is as happy and bright as when at home.

Miss Ida Washington is the recipient of many goo goo glances.

Miss Genevieve Campbell and Miss Elinor Robinson are doing effective work.

Misses Marie Smith, Lou, Cornell and Hattie Cornish form a popular trio.

Prof. Hugh Prown's former pupils in the Washington High School speak lovingly of him as a grand-pap.

Dr. Wm. E. Atkins, the popular and handsome Hampton physician and surgeon has promised to keep the yellow fever off.

The Hampton Conference opens on July 17, and continues three days. An instructive and enjoyable week is anticipated.

Our own Bennie Washington is the champion swimmer and meets every

## IMPROVING THE MIND

### TEACHERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY.

Prof. H. M. Brown at Hampton—The Great Education in Demand—Dr. Bruce Evans on the Ground.

Hampton, Va., July 6.

Special to the Bee.

The Hampton summer Normal School opened Friday July 5, with an increased attendance. Prof. H. M. Brown so well remembered in Washington for establishing the course in physics at the colored High School and lately called to the principalship of the High and Technical School of Baltimore is the conductor. All of the Southern States are represented as well as the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and Atlantic City.

Practical courses in arithmetic, english, history, sewing, cooking, basketry, upholstering, agriculture, dairying and manual training are offered with such a comprehensive course it is hoped to give to the colored boys and girls through the teachers, taking this work a practical insight into the useful occupations, thus making his education of commercial value.

On the teaching faculty the Washington Public Schools are ably represented. The work in Mathematics is in charge of Dr. W. Bruce Evans Princ. Manual Training School No. 2. Dr. Evans has had charge of this branch for three successive terms.

The Nature Work is in charge of Miss A. M. Goding another Washington teacher and principal of the white Normal School. Miss Goding is without doubt the most popular teacher on the grounds. Her work here for several terms and her winning and sympathetic personality have endeared her to the pupils. The mother of Miss Goding is spending a short time with her daughter and is much interested in the institute to say that Mr. T. W. Hunster has charge of the drawing is assurance that the work will be done better than ever.

The work in history by Mr. Alphonso O. Stafford is interesting and unique in tracing the political and industrial growth of the country. Mr. Stafford is showing the part the Negro has played. His lectures are possibly the most attractive of all the departments, abounding in authentic information concerning the Negro in discovery, colonization, war and industry. The lecture together with data and reference which Mr. Stafford has been collecting and collating for several years are to be published by the summer Institute.

### Ice Making in Cuba.

"The manufacture of ice is a thriving industry in Cuba since the Spanish war," said Mr. B. E. Hambleton, of Santiago. "It is really amusing to watch the Cubans crowd around to purchase ice. All classes and conditions that can raise the price clamor for it, and they clamor all the seasons of the year. During the heavy rains the demand is lighter, but there is no very appreciable difference. Santiago has had ice for many years, but the old plant we found in the city was practically incapacitated. Since the cessation of hostilities all the Cuban cities of any size have been well supplied with modern machinery for the manufacture of ice, and it is to the Cubans an indispensable commodity."—Indianapolis News.

### Invested in America.

American securities are a favorite form of investment in the royal families of Europe, and they take their place with English investments. The German emperor has nearly three-quarters of a million in American debenture bonds. The amount of his English investments is not known, and care is taken to hide their nature. The Austrian royal family has investments in Germany and in England. The czar has almost a million in British securities.—N. Y. Sun.

### Pope's Elaborate Wardrobe.

A large staff of women is employed at the vatican for the sole purpose of keeping the pope's wardrobe in perfect condition. No spot or stain may disfigure the garments worn by his holiness, and, as he always appears in white, even a few hours' wear deprives the robes of their freshness. It is considered that no man's hand is dainty enough for their care, so in this respect women are permitted to serve the pontiff. Only the most delicate materials are used, moire silk being the summer fabric and a specially woven fine cloth the winter one.

### Massage for the Fingers.

Paderewski keeps a valet whose chief duty it is to rub the great pianist's fingers at stated times, to knead the palms and to crack his knuckles. Without this extraordinary exercise Paderewski believes that he would not be able to play so as to satisfy himself. This treatment makes his fingers elastic and supple.

### Jews in the Russian Army.

The Russian Jew must serve in the army, but he can never become more than a private.